

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION SUBCOMMITTEE**

Pursuant to Section 18.94 Wis. Stats., a regular meeting of the Brown County Land Conservation Subcommittee was held on Monday, June 3, 2019 at the Duck Creek Center, 2198 Glendale Avenue, Green Bay, WI.

Present: Supervisors Norbert Dantine, Dave Kaster, Bernie Erickson, Alex Tran and Citizen Rep. Stan Kaczmarek
Excused: Supervisor Steve Deslauriers
Also Present: County Conservationist Mike Mushinski, Project Manager – West Shore Pike Habitat Chuck Larscheid, other interested parties.

I. Call Meeting to Order.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dantine at 6:00 p.m.

II. Approve/Modify Agenda.

Motion made by Stan Kaczmarek, seconded by Supervisor Kaster to approve. Vote Taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

III. Approve/Modify Minutes of April 22, 2019.

Motion by Supervisor Kaster, seconded by Supervisor Erickson to approve. Vote Taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Comments from the Public – None.

Land Conservation Department

1. Open Positions Report.

County Conservationist Mike Mushinski reported the agronomist position remains open and they are still looking for funding to fill the position.

Motion by Supervisor Erickson, seconded by Supervisor Kaster to receive and place on file. Vote Taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. Budget Status Financial Report for April 2019 – Unaudited.

Mushinski informed the budget is tracking well and is similar to 2018. There are no concerns at this time.

Motion made by Supervisor Erickson, seconded by Supervisor Tran to receive and place on file. Vote taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

3. Director's Report.

a. Animal Waste Management Ordinance Chapter 26 Discussion.

Mushinski recalled this has been talked about in the past. The revisions are done and Corporation Counsel is currently reviewing them. There are considerable changes and when this comes before this Subcommittee the changes will be noted in red. It was suggested that the revised document be included on the June agenda for review and then come back to the Subcommittee in July in final form

for approval. The document will be included in the June agenda packet to allow the Subcommittee time to review it prior to the meeting as Mushinski anticipates there could be quite a bit of discussion.

Motion made by Supervisor Erickson, seconded by Supervisor Kaster to bring the preliminary document to the Subcommittee in June and the final document to the Subcommittee in July. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. Northern Pike Restoration update.

Chuck Larscheid, Project Manager for the West Shore Pike Habitat, introduced himself. He works with the northern pike habitat restoration in a grant-funded position. There is a nice big wetland restoration project happening this summer and he provided a picture of the project, a copy of which is attached, along with several other handouts which are also attached.

The Brown Road site is a Wisconsin state property and the proposal is for a 6.75 acre wetland restoration, including moving about 17,000 cubic yards of material and putting it mostly onsite or across the street. It is a waterway that hooks into the Brown Road ditch where they have seen a lot of pike come up. It is about ¼ mile from the Bay and is a wonderful project that the State is excited about it. The bids are due on June 12 and Larscheid will be bringing this to the Subcommittee at the June meeting.

Larscheid also talked about a project they did up the road. It is a wet waterway that goes through a field. He shared a picture of a fry trap and estimated there are tens of thousands of fish coming out of the wetland. Unfortunately, this site is about a half mile from the Bay and it is not known if the fish make it all the way to the Bay. The Brown Road project will be much closer to the Bay so it should be a wonderful success.

Larscheid also talked about the handout that shows the different wetland restoration projects they have done as well as the buffers they have done and impediment removal they have undertaken. Interestingly, they show where they have seen adults and where they have seen the young of the year. A lot of work has been done in Suamico, but they have also been poking around in Bellevue and they found some adults trying to spawn in Willow Creek and Bower Creek and some work has also been done there as well as on some of the tributaries off the East River.

Erickson said it should be a good year to spawn because of the high water levels. He said on a recent fishing outing in April they caught a number of very large pike. Larscheid said they try to get independent numbers for fishermen or creole censuses by the DNR. They try to put nets in places that are not so obvious to see where the fish may go, but they are thinking with the high water the last few years there may be more spawning happening at the edges of the Bay because they do not seem to be coming up the creeks and ditches so much. There are traps at the end of Brown Road and the end of Lineville Road where the Bay is flooded. The traps are 18" deep and the water is 4' deep so the little fish can go around, over and under, so they can get a hit, but they are not getting good numbers.

Mushinski concluded by saying this is going to be a large, expensive project but it will be very valuable because it is on State property and will be there into perpetuity. Larscheid added that this will be 100% grant funded. He also noted they are building a scaffolding and in later years more spawning cells can be added relatively cheap.

Motion made by Supervisor Kaster, seconded by Stan Kaczmarek to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Other

4. Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law.

Kaczmarek said he recently did a radio interview which can be heard on the Fox Demo Farms Facebook page. There will be another interview coming out in another month or two.

5. Adjourn.

Motion made by Supervisor Erickson, seconded by Supervisor Tran to adjourn at 6:16 pm. Vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Therese Giannunzio
Administrative Specialist



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